

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 950  
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A RESOLUTION to commend Alcoa, Incorporated, for nearly 100 years of commitment and loyalty to the good people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable companies that have placed themselves at the vanguard of progress and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa, Incorporated, is one such company that evinces the highest standards of integrity and probity in all of its endeavors; and

WHEREAS, for more than ninety-four years, the good people of Tennessee and Alcoa, Incorporated, have seen their development and history intertwined through a mutually beneficial relationship; and

WHEREAS, attracted by Tennessee's vast natural resources, Alcoa first located its business interests in the State in the early part of the twentieth century, hoping to capitalize on the immense energy potential of the Tennessee River watershed; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the contributions of the people of Tennessee as well as its natural resources, Alcoa, Incorporated, has thrived, and it now ranks as one of the nation's largest aluminum manufacturers; it is also the world's largest producer of aluminum sheets for beverage cans; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Alcoa, Incorporated, solidified its friendly relationship with the people and State of Tennessee when it relocated the global headquarters of Alcoa Rigid Packaging and the national headquarters of Alcoa Primary Metals to Knoxville, Tennessee; these two operations employ 200 Tennesseans, who are responsible for overseeing more than six billion dollars of Alcoa's revenue; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Alcoa Rigid Packaging headquarters moved to Blount County, where it currently employs more than 1,900 people; the facility also houses the Alcoa Recycling Company, which saves and renews precious raw materials and energy, reinforcing Alcoa's reputation as an excellent environmental steward; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa Primary Metals in Knoxville has flourished under Tennessean leadership; this unit is responsible for the production of aluminum, which is then used by other Alcoa fabricating facilities, so the effective and dedicated leadership of this facility is the backbone of Alcoa's entire production line; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa, Incorporated, credits the work ethic, drive, dedication, and determination of its Tennessean workforce with a large share of the company's success throughout the past century; and

WHEREAS, the company has shown its deep appreciation for the State of Tennessee with its generous financial support of numerous philanthropic programs; in addition to Alcoa's estimated annual economic impact of more than 360 million dollars in Tennessee, the Alcoa Foundation serves its community through grants, seasonal service projects, and employee charitable giving; and

WHEREAS, Alcoa, Incorporated, fosters a spirit of generosity and philanthropy in its workplace, and it is not surprising that many of its employees are dedicated public servants during their free time, displaying the spirit that has earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to salute those companies and their employees that through their extraordinary efforts have set themselves apart as model companies, and have maintained a long-term and constructive relationship with the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Alcoa, Incorporated, for its meritorious service to the good people of Tennessee and extend our best wishes for a very successful and prosperous future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.